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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with Col. Hood on 9 February 1960

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1. The undersigned discussed with Col. Hood the question of the air space over the [redacted] and AEC's attempt to have it declared a restricted airway. Col. Hood advised that AEC will be hard put to justify the NTS airway, particularly in view of the pressure being brought by FAA for AEC comments. He referred to the fact that General Loper, DOD Liaison Officer to AEC, is formulating DOD's position for AEC to use as a justification but it was Col. Hood's feeling that these would perhaps not be sufficiently strong. Col. Hood's proposal was that we brief Gen. Loper on the Air Force activity and that he in turn would incorporate into his justification to AEC a requirement for a restricted area at NTS. Col. Hood stated that Gen. Loper need give no particulars, that AEC would accept his requirement at face value and in turn relay it to FAA.

2. In view of the fact that Col. Geary is in Wiesbaden and unavailable, the undersigned proposed that we delay any mention of the problem to Gen. Loper until next week. Col. Hood said that in view of the deadline, he felt we could wait no longer than Tuesday, 16 February, for a decision regarding soliciting Gen. Loper's help.

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